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serious burden on the Examiner to search the subject matter covered by the instant claims. See Section 803 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has made no such showing of a serious burden, and that Group II appears to be a reasonable and acceptable extension of any search required for Group I. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

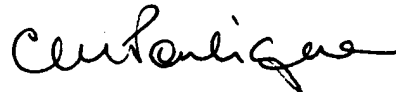
In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request an action on the merits of claims 1-16.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

Respectfully submitted,

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